

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A sealed battery, accommodating a battery element of flat shape, said battery element, comprising:

a positive electrode and a negative electrode being laminated onto each other with a separator interposed between them and being would together; and

a battery case containing said positive and negative electrode, comprising:

a plurality of walls forming the battery case with each wall of the plurality of walls having an inner surface and a flat outer surface, wherein the inner surface of one wall of plurality of walls has a curved surface in which a center portion of said one wall of the plurality of walls is thinner than any other portion of said one wall.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): A sealed battery according to claim 1, wherein said battery is a lithium ion battery.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Cancelled):

Claim 6. (New) A sealed battery, accommodating a battery element of flat shape, said battery element, comprising:

a positive electrode and a negative electrode being laminated onto each other with a separator interposed between them and being wound together; and

a battery case containing said positive and negative electrode, comprising:

a plurality of walls forming the battery case with each wall of the plurality of walls having an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein the inner surface of a first wall of the plurality of walls has a curved inner surface and a second wall of the plurality of walls has a current leading terminal attached to the outer surface of the second wall and a curved inner surface of the second wall.

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